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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michel GARRITT et al.

Application No.: 09/350,152

Filed: July 9, 1999

For: PROCESS FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF  
HYDROXYMETHYLBUTYRIC  
ACID

) Group Art Unit: 1623

) Examiner: T. Oh

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a five month extension of time to reply to the Notice of Appeal filed December 30, 2002. A fee of \$1,970.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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